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Hiroo Hayashi, et al.

Application No.: 09/935,407 Art Unit: 3765
Filed: August 23, 2001 Examiner: A. Vanatta
For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR OPENING
CONTINUOUS FILAMENTS

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Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.

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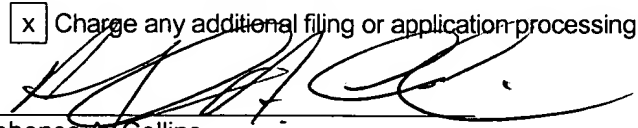
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